

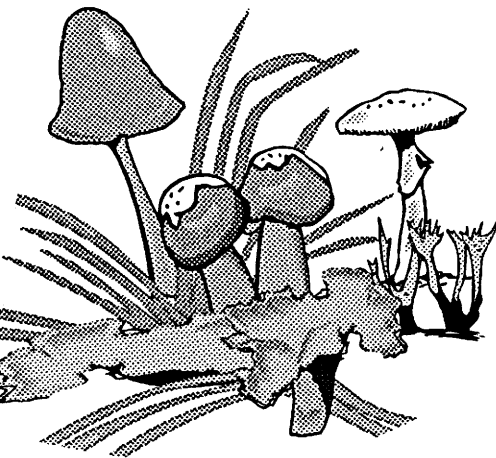
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Grade 4 pre-visit activity-"The Gunnison River - Neversink"

Instructions: Read the following paragraph and find the underlined words in the word search below.

When you visit Curecanti National Recreation Area, you will have the chance to explore a riparian or riverside habitat. There are many plants and animals which live in a riparian habitat and have adaptations or special features which enable them to survive. Some insects in the river actually stick to the rocks when the velocity or speed of the river gets to great! All plants and animals need water from the river but they also need the sun. Plants are called producers because they make food from the sun in a process called photosynthesis. Chlorophyll, which gives the plants their green color is necessary for plants to make their food! Besides making their own food, plants are food for other animals called consumers. Consumers may be plant eaters called herbivores, meat eaters called carnivores, or omnivores which eat both. What are you? Once an animal or plant dies, decomposers help break it down into the earth. Everything in nature has a purpose! Although everything grows and eventually dies, plants and animals are still abundant through reproduction. Plants are especially good at reproducing and do so through pollination or seed dispersal. Life will always continue! At the Neversink trail in Curecanti National Recreation Area life is everywhere and you will get an up-close look when you visit!



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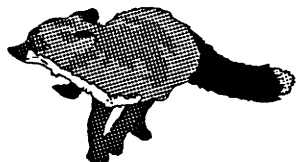
Grade 4 post-visit activity-"The Gunnison River- Neversink"

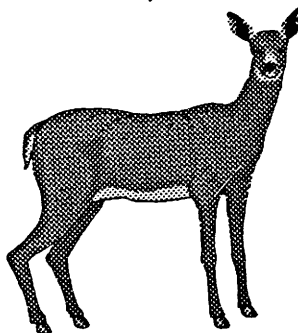
Instructions: Read the following and complete the front and back side of the worksheet.

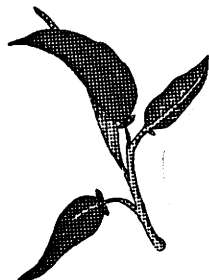
Label each of the following as a producer, primary consumer, secondary consumer, or decomposer.

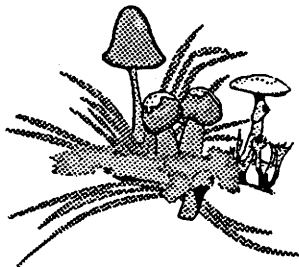


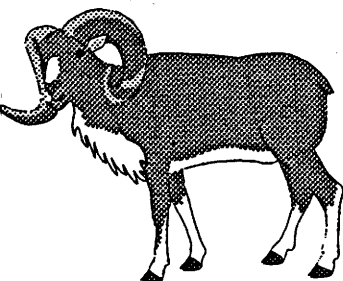




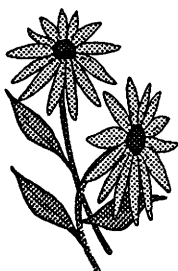














River Velocity:

Draw piles of sediment (sand) on the appropriate bends in the river and label each bend as an inside or outside bend.

